PICTORIAL Confessions

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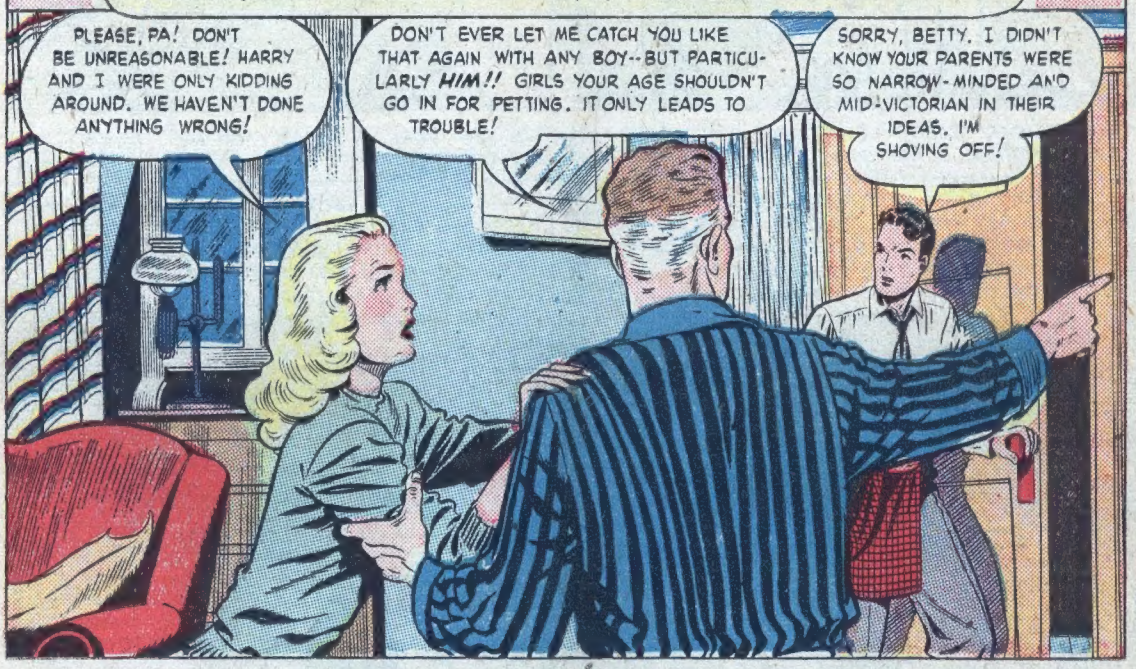
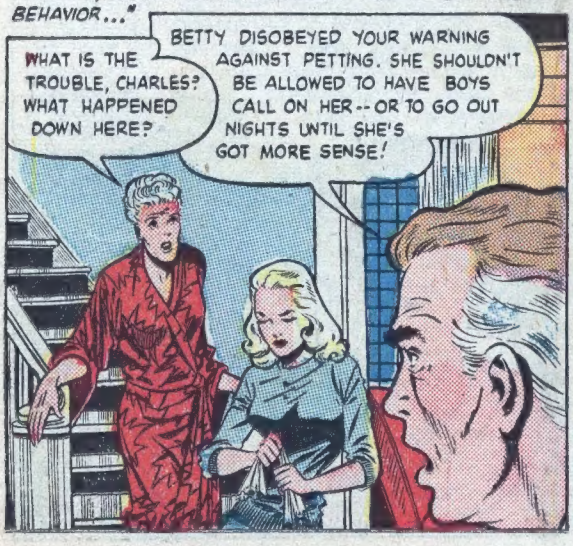
NO. 1

I Threw Away My Reputation On A Worthless Love

"He was handsome, he was charming, he was everything my heart desired -- and I couldn't resist the temptation to throw myself at him and thrill to the warmth of his sweet embrace. I believed him when he said he loved me, and rumors of his bad behavior only made me love him more. What did I care if my reputation were at stake as long as he brushed aside his other dates to return to my arms? But the day finally came when shame, remorse and despair shattered my ivory tower of romance, leaving an empty heart that could be won only by an honest, decent love..."

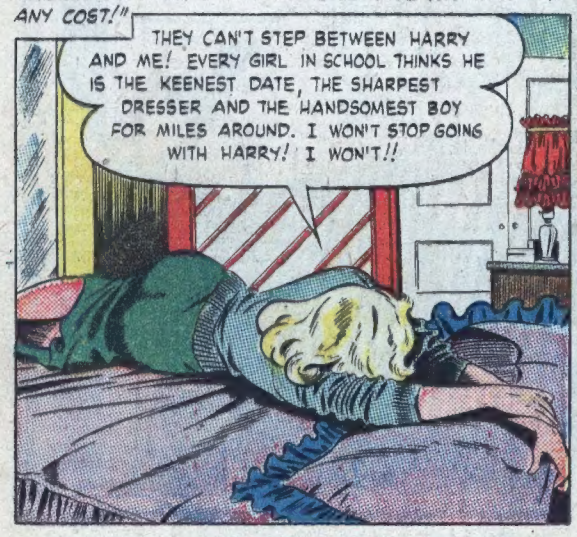


"I WANTED TO FIGHT BACK, TO STAND UP FOR MY RIGHTS -- BUT I KNEW I WAS TOO YOUNG, TOO DEPENDENT UPON MY PARENTS, SO I HAD TO PRETEND I REGRETTED MY BAD BEHAVIOR..."

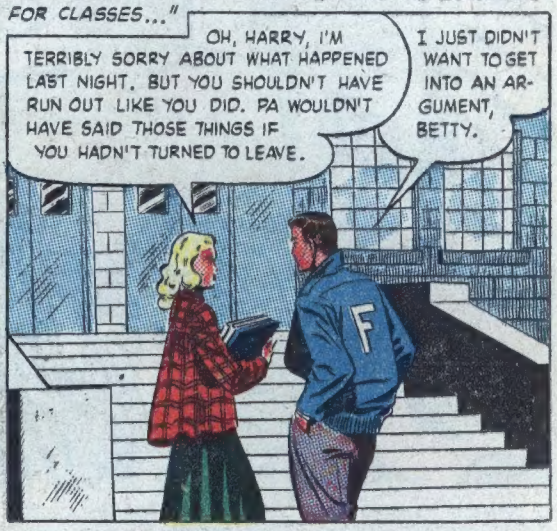


"BUT PA'S THREATENING SUGGESTION MADE ME LOSE CONTROL, AND I FLARED BACK ANGRILY..."

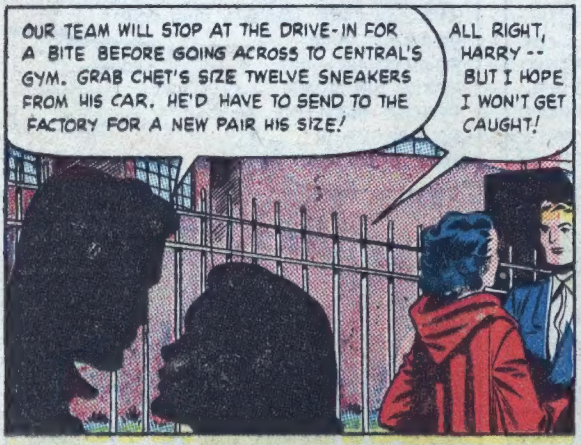
"BUT MY HEART WAS AT VIOLENT ODDS WITH WHAT I HAD TOLD MY MOTHER. I WAS GOING TO HAVE MY WAY--AT ANY COST!"



"THE NEXT MORNING, I RAN FROM THE HOUSE EARLY SO I COULD TALK WITH HARRY BEFORE THE BELL RANG FOR CLASSES..."



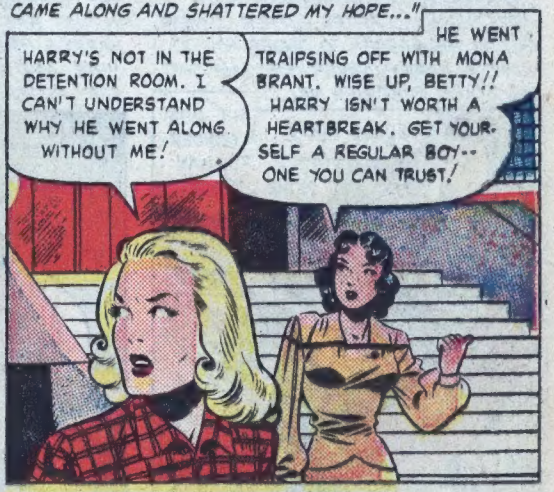
"IN A HUSKY WHISPER, HARRY OUTLINED HIS SCHEME -- THE SCHEME HE PROPOSED THAT I CARRY OUT. I KNEW IT WAS WRONG, BUT I COULDN'T REFUSE TO GO THROUGH WITH IT..."



"I WAS TOO WRAPPED UP WITH HARRY TO KNOW THAT THE GIRLS AND FELLOWS WERE ALWAYS TALKING BEHIND MY BACK. BUT EVEN IF I'D KNOWN WHAT THEY WERE SAYING, I'D HAVE DENIED THEIR CHARGES AND ACCUSED THEM ALL OF BEING JEALOUS!"

"IT HAPPENED THE MOMENT I TURNED TO GO TO MY HOME ROOM. I'D SEEN MONA WALKING DOWN THE CORRIDOR, BUT I DIDN'T THINK HARRY HAD..."

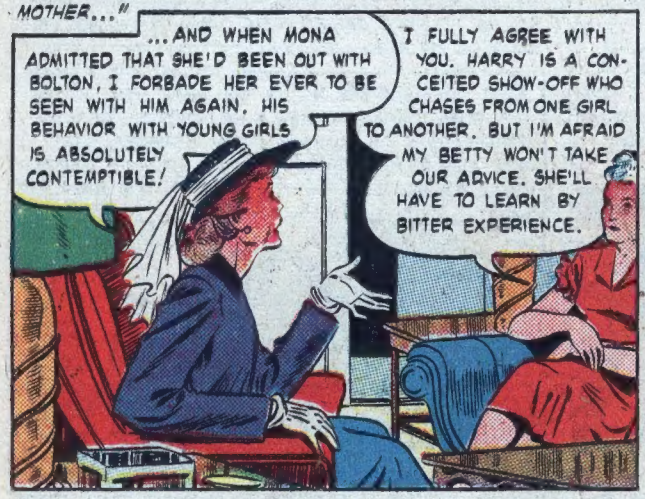
"AFTER SCHOOL LET OUT THAT AFTERNOON, I WAITED TWENTY MINUTES FOR HARRY TO SHOW UP. THEN ELLEN CAME ALONG AND SHATTERED MY HOPE..."



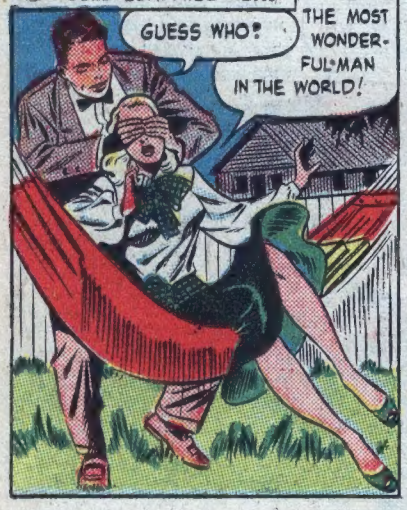
"THAT NIGHT, WHEN HARRY FAILED TO PHONE ME, I DECIDED TO GO TO THE MOVIES BY MYSELF. THERE, AS I SEARCHED FOR A SEAT, I GOT A RUDE SURPRISE..."

"MY BRAIN WAS IN SUCH AN ANGRY TURMOIL, I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND OR CONCENTRATE ON THE PICTURE. I DON'T KNOW WHY I DIDN'T WALK OUT AND GO STRAIGHT HOME..."

"BUT MONA'S MOTHER SPARED ME THE TROUBLE, FOR I WAS LISTENING THE NEXT AFTERNOON AS SHE HAD TEA WITH MY MOTHER..."

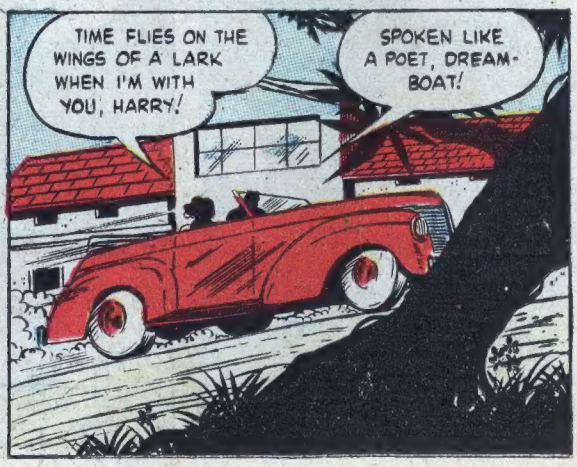


"I'D FINISHED MY HOMEWORK THAT AFTERNOON, SO AFTER SUPPER, I WENT OUT TO THE GARDEN TO DECIDE HOW TO HANDLE HARRY--NEVER GUESSING THAT HE WOULD SURPRISE ME..."

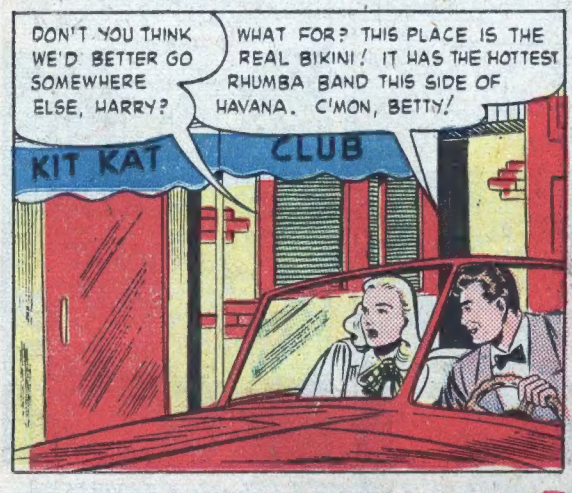


"MY WORRIES AND FEARS VANISHED IN THAT BREATHLESS MOMENT WHEN HARRY'S LIPS PRESSED SOFTLY TO MINE, AND MY DESIRES WERE LIKE CLAY IN HIS HANDS..."

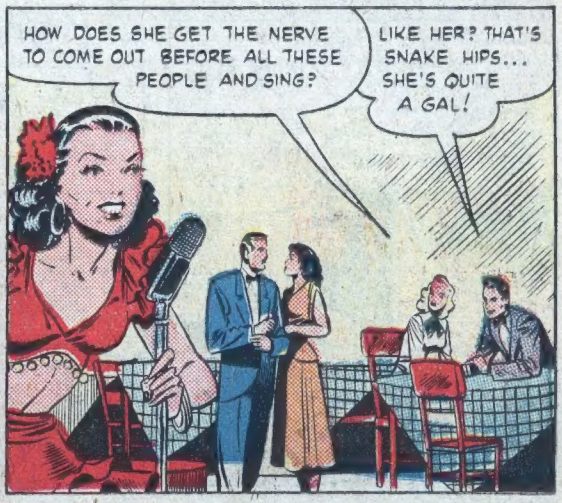
"WE WERE IN A GAY, EXCITING MOOD AS WE DROVE TOWARD THE CITY OF WHICH OUR TOWN WAS A SMALL SUBURB. I WAS SO HAPPY TO BE WITH HARRY, THAT I NEVER GAVE A THOUGHT TO THE POSSIBILITY OF TROUBLE AHEAD..."



"BUT WHEN I SAW WHERE HARRY WAS TAKING ME, A FAINT TREMOR OF CAUTION CROSSED IN MY MIND. THE "KIT KAT KLUB" HAD RECEIVED LOTS OF PUBLICITY IN THE NEWSPAPERS--AND NONE OF IT WAS GOOD!"



"I MUST ADMIT THAT I WAS AWE-STRUCK AT FIRST, FOR I HAD NEVER BEEN IN ANY NIGHT CLUB BEFORE. I FELT A MIXTURE OF FRIGHT AND EMBARRASSMENT...



"HARRY AND I FORGOT THE TIME, BUT AFTER THREE A. M., MY FATHER CALLED THE POLICE AND GAVE THEM A DESCRIPTION OF HARRY'S CAR. AT FIRST, WHEN THEY WALKED INTO THE CLUB I WAS STARTLED, BUT WHEN THE TRUTH DAWNED ON ME, I ALMOST FAINTED!"

"BUT I WAS TOO CONCERNED WITH MY OWN FATE TO EVEN THINK OF HARRY UNTIL MY FATHER-- HIS VOICE HIGH-PITCHED AND BROKEN WITH ANGER-- MENTIONED HARRY'S NAME..."

YOUR MOTHER AND I KNOW YOU'RE NOT ENTIRELY TO BLAME, BETTY. BUT BELIEVE ME, CHILD, YOU WILL BE SEVERELY DISCIPLINED IF YOU EVER GO OUT WITH HARRY BOLTON AGAIN!

I-- I WON'T, PA. I PROMISE!

"DRIVEN BY FEAR OF MY PARENTS' WRATH, I RAN QUICKLY TO MY ROOM AND CLOSED THE DOOR. BUT EVEN THEN I COULD HEAR THE CHUCKLING AND LAUGHTER OF MY KID BROTHERS IN THE NEXT ROOM..."

WHY DID THEY HAVE TO LET PAUL AND JOHNNY KNOW ABOUT IT? THEY'LL SPREAD IT ALL OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND I'LL BE LAUGHED AT FOR WEEKS.

BUT I STILL LOVE HARRY. HE DIDN'T REALLY MEAN TO HURT ME. THEY **CAN'T** FORBID ME TO SEE HIM! I'LL LEAVE SCHOOL, TAKE A JOB AND LIVE AWAY FROM HOME IF I HAVE TO!

"I WAS OVERJOYED THE NEXT AFTERNOON WHEN HARRY RAN TO MEET ME AFTER SCHOOL. MUCH TO MY RELIEF, HE DIDN'T MENTION WHAT HAD HAPPENED THE NIGHT BEFORE..."

REMEMBER YOU PROMISED TO FIX IT SO CHET WON'T PLAY IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TONIGHT. NOT GOING TO LET ME DOWN, ARE YOU?

OH, NO! NO, HARRY. I'LL GO THROUGH WITH IT. I PROMISE!

"THAT NIGHT I HITCHED A RIDE WITH A GROUP OF BASKETBALL FANS, THEN LEFT THEM TO FIND CHET'S CAR OUTSIDE THE DRIVE-IN. BUT I FAILED TO CARRY OUT MY PURPOSE..."

HEY! THAT ISN'T CRICKET, BETTY! CHET WOULD BE LIKE A SHIP WITHOUT A RUDDER IF HE LOST THOSE GUNBOATS. PUT THEM BACK!

WHY, KEN. KEN GIBBS! YOU--YOU FRIGHTENED ME!

YOU'RE NOT THE KIND TO PULL SUCH A MEAN TRICK, BETTY. HARRY IS BEHIND THIS, ISN'T HE? NOW, COME ON! TELL THE TRUTH!

I-- I CAN'T EXPLAIN, KEN. BELIEVE ME! AND PLEASE-- PLEASE DON'T MENTION A WORD ABOUT THIS. I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT I WAS DOING!

"AS SOON AS I COULD BREAK AWAY FROM KEN, I WENT IN SEARCH OF HARRY-- HOPING IT WAS NOT TOO LATE TO STOP HIM FROM BETTING AGAINST OUR BOYS."

THERE WERE TOO MANY FELLOWS AROUND THE PARKING LOT, HARRY. I TRIED TO DO IT, BUT I GOT CAUGHT.

YOU FUMBLED IT! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO ASK YOU. NOW I'M OUT TEN DOLLARS-- WHEN I MIGHT HAVE CLEANED UP!

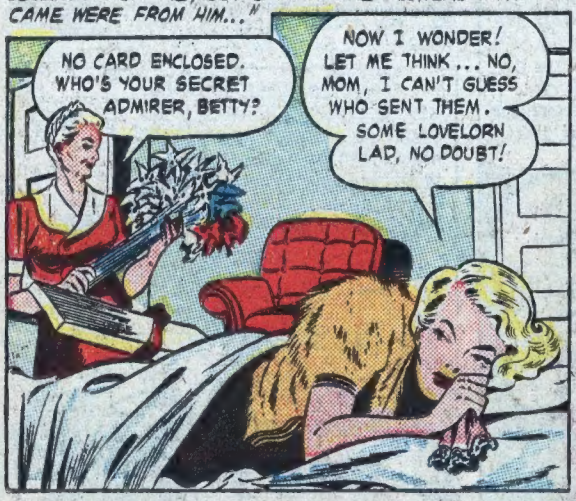
"BUT THE EXPERTS HAD BEEN WRONG! CENTRAL WON--SIXTY-SIX TO FORTY-SEVEN. AND AS I HURRIED FROM THE STANDS TO GET A LIFT BACK TO TOWN AND FIND HARRY, CHET CROSSED THE FLOOR AND GAVE ME A DIRTY LOOK..."

"IT WAS MORE THAN A HALF-HOUR LATER WHEN I FOUND HARRY AT THE CROWN LUNCHEONETTE. HE WAS IN THE MIDST OF A SCUFFLE WITH KATHRYN HARLOW, ONE OF HIS EX-FLAMES..."

"I TINGLED WITH THE THRILL OF WINNING HARRY'S PRAISE, AND PROUDLY LED HIM OUTSIDE..."

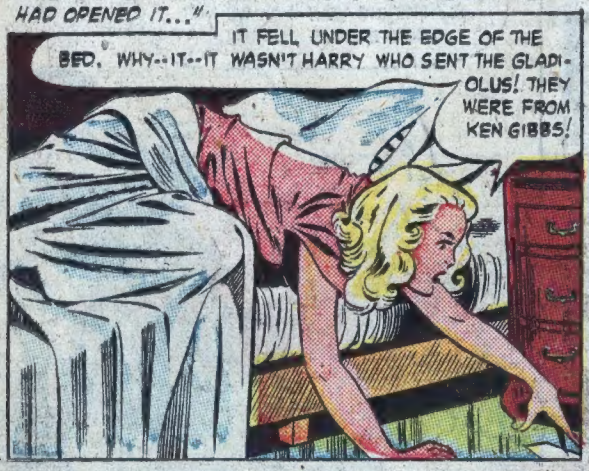
"IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK I WAS OUT WITH HARRY ALMOST EVERY NIGHT. WITHOUT AROUSING MY PARENTS' SUSPICIONS. I FELT VERY CONFIDENT THAT HARRY HAD NO ROOM IN HIS HEART FOR ANYONE BUT ME IN SPITE OF WHAT ANYONE SAID--INCLUDING KEN GIBBS..."

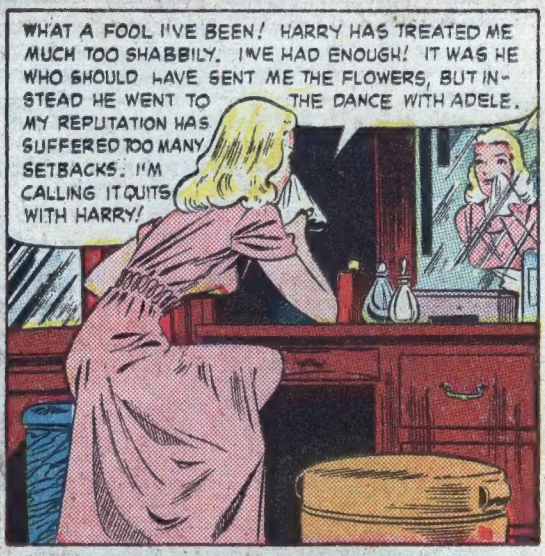
"BUT I CAUGHT A COLD THE NIGHT BEFORE THE HARVEST MOON DANCE, SO OF COURSE I COULDN'T GO. HARRY COULDN'T VISIT ME, BUT I KNEW THE FLOWERS THAT CAME WERE FROM HIM..."



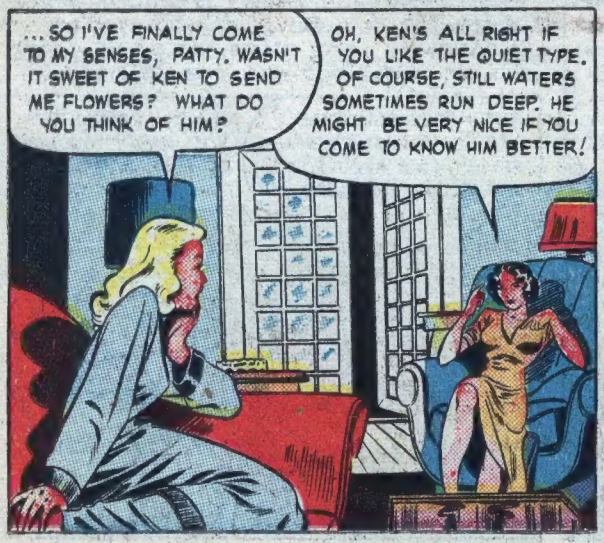
"THEN, **CRASH!** MY FAITH IN HARRY WAS SHATTERED INTO A THOUSAND PIECES WHEN I READ IN THE PAPER THE NEXT MORNING THAT HARRY AND ADELE LARSON HAD WON THE RHUMBA CONTEST AT THE DANCE!"

"MY HEART WAS WRACKED WITH PAIN AND JEALOUSY UNTIL, ALONG IN THE FORENOON, I FOUND THE CARD THAT MUST HAVE SLIPPED FROM THE FLORIST'S BOX WHEN MOTHER HAD OPENED IT..."

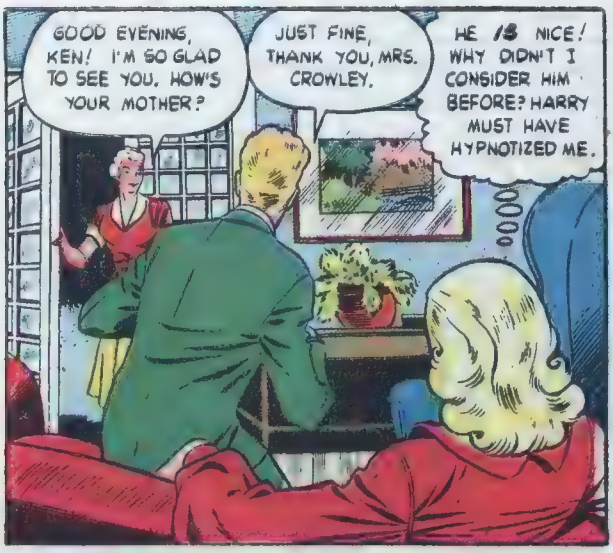


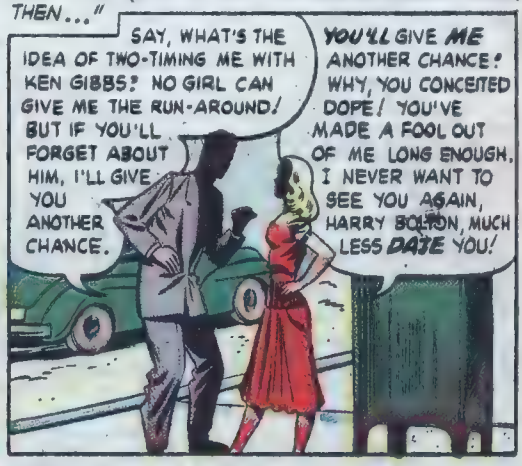


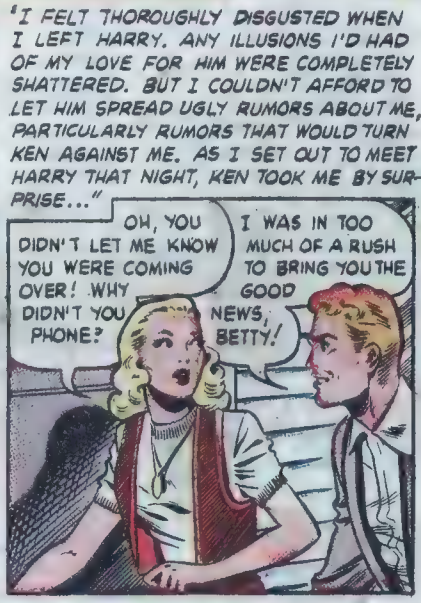
"I WAS GLAD PATTY CALLED THAT AFTERNOON, FOR I HAD TO CONFIDE IN SOMEONE AND I KNEW I COULD TRUST HER..."



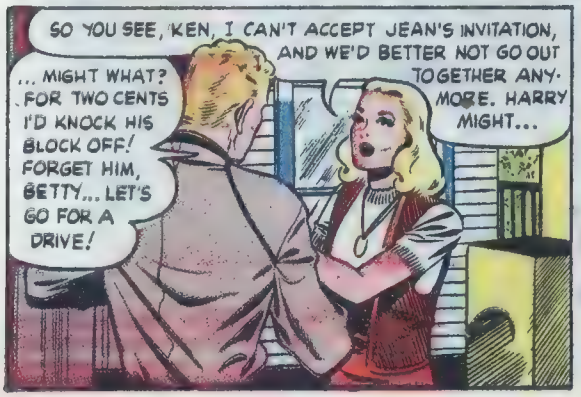
"PATTY MUST HAVE DROPPED A HINT WHERE IT WOULD DO THE MOST GOOD, FOR A COUPLE OF NIGHTS LATER WHEN I WAS OVER MY COLD, THE DOORBELL RANG AROUND EIGHT..."



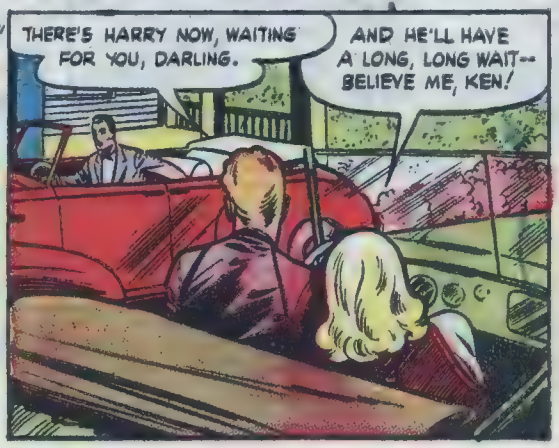




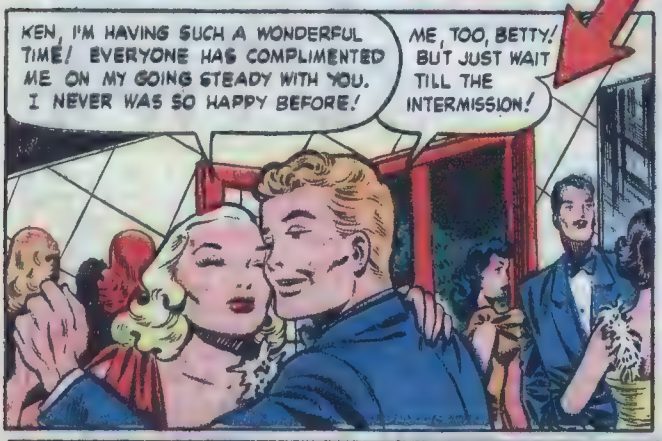
"KEN'S APPEARANCE THREW ME INTO A STATE OF UTTER CONFUSION. I KNEW THEN THAT I WANTED KEN AND ALL THE CLEAN CUT DECENCY HE STOOD FOR, BUT I COULDN'T TAKE THE CHANCE OF MAKING HIM A SOCIAL OUTCAST BY DATING A GIRL WITH A BAD REPUTATION. THAT MADE UP MY MIND FOR ME THEN AND THERE. I WAS DEFINITELY THROUGH WITH HARRY, BUT I HAD TO TELL KEN THE TRUTH."



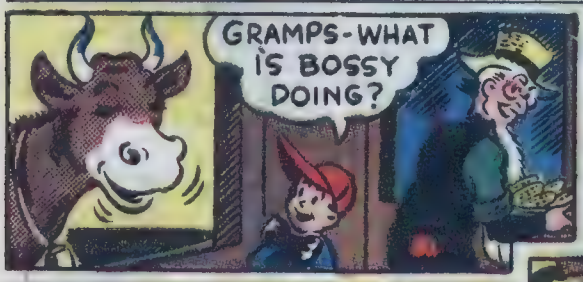
"KEN'S REASSURING WORDS PUT ME AT EASE. I KNEW I HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM HARRY. BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, I KNEW THAT THIS TIME I'D PLACED MY LOVE IN THE RIGHT HANDS. AND I HAD THE FEELING THAT KEN FELT THE SAME WAY..."

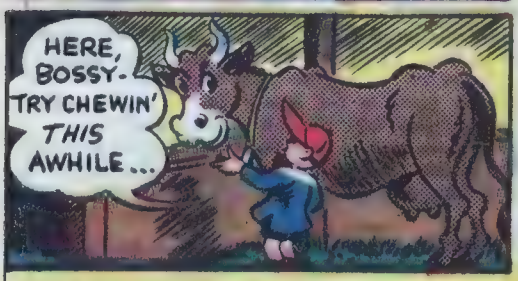


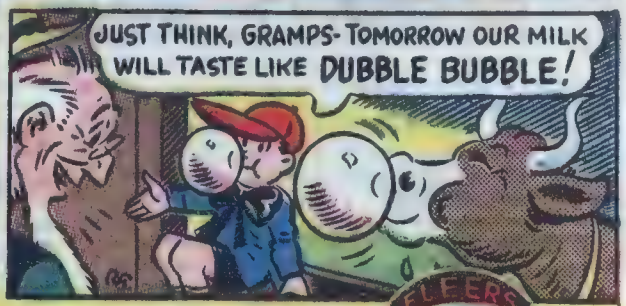
"AND I WAS GOOD TO MY WORD! EACH TIME I RAN INTO HARRY, I REFUSED TO EVEN SPEAK TO HIM. EVERYONE KNEW THAT KEN AND I WERE GOING STEADY WHEN WE SHOWED UP TOGETHER AT JEAN FOSTER'S PARTY..."

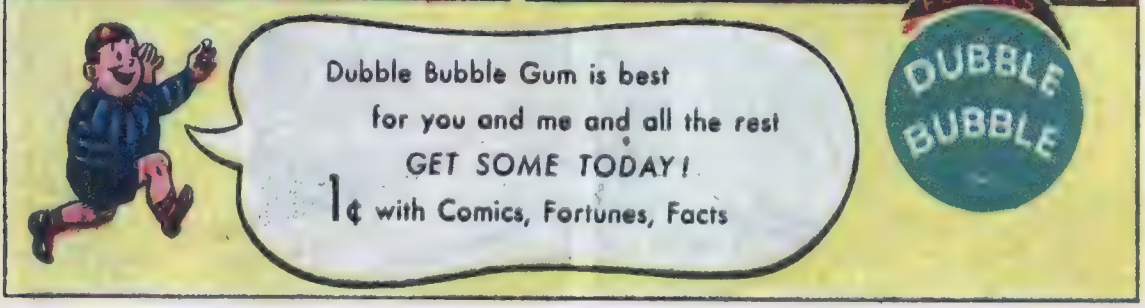


"JUST LIKE BILLIONS OF LOVERS BEFORE US, IT HAPPENED TO KEN AND ME--SIMPLY AND SWEETLY WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST ELEMENT OF DRAMA OR SURPRISE. IN FACT, THE VERY NATURALNESS OF IT TOLD IT WAS TRUE AND LASTING LOVE..."



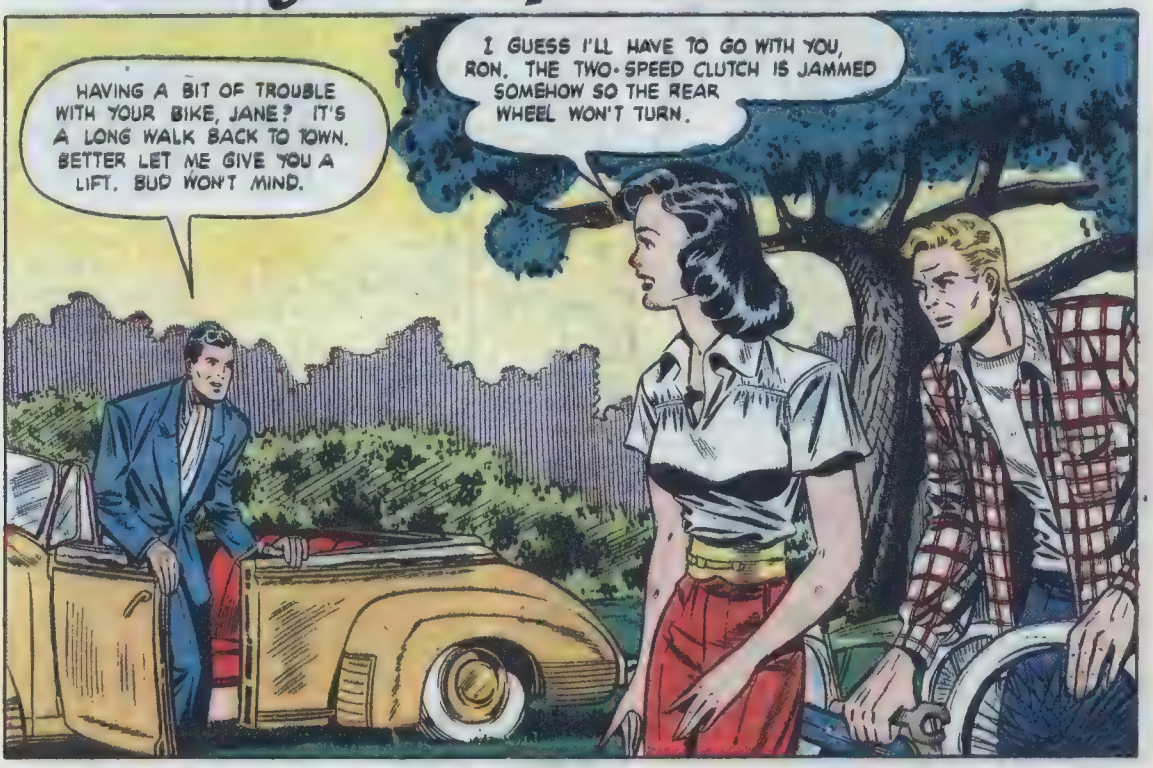






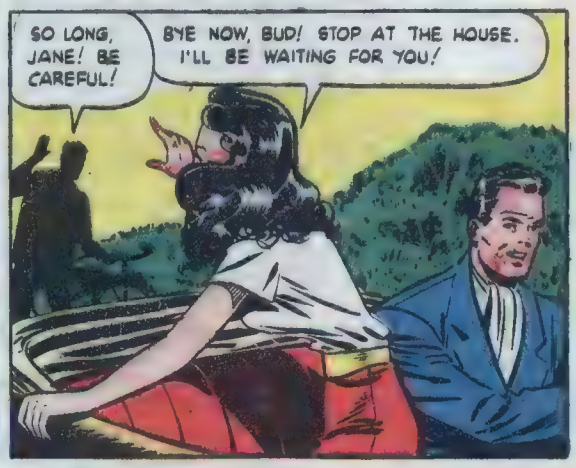
I thought it would be fun to run with a fast crowd. You see, my own teen-age group had certain standards that one couldn't break without the risk of being shunned. But the "Scandal Set" laughed at many of our taboos and put fewer limitations on revelry. I made the mistake of trying to hold my place and my boy friend among my own group while running around with the fast crowd until...

My Double-Life Caught Up With Me

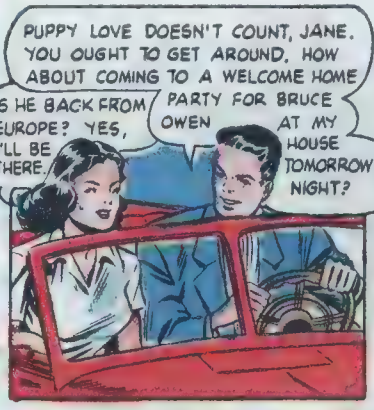


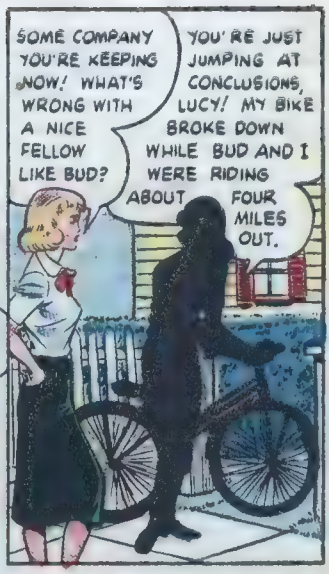
"YES, IT WAS AN INNOCENT CIRCUMSTANCE THAT BROUGHT ME INTO CONTACT WITH RON ANDREWS. I KNEW AT THE TIME THAT BUD STEWART WISHED I HADN'T ACCEPTED RON'S OFFER..."

"ALTHOUGH IT WAS UNAVOIDABLE, I COULDN'T HELP FEELING A SENSE OF GUILT IN RIDING OFF WITH RON. I WAVED BACK TO BUD WITH THE HOPE THAT HE WOULDN'T THINK I WAS LETTING HIM DOWN..."



"RON WAS SEVERAL YEARS OLDER THAN I. HE HAD FLUNKED OUT OF COLLEGE, BUT SINCE HIS FAMILY WAS WELL-TO-DO, HE HADN'T HAD TO GO TO WORK. HE RAN WITH THE FAST CROWD, BUT IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING, I FOUND HIM QUITE CHARMING..."





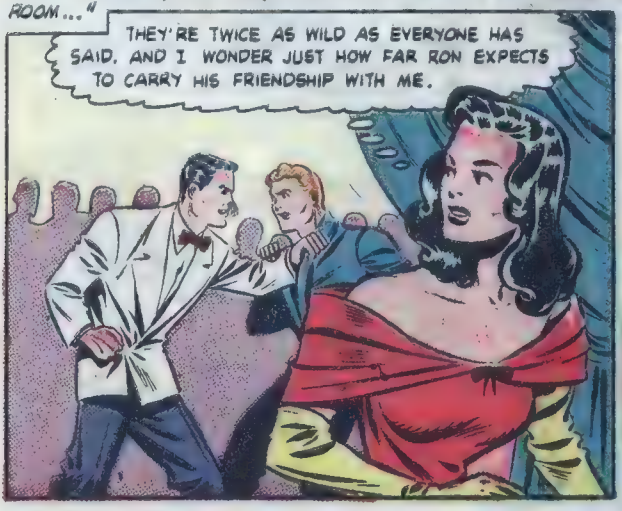
"MY FAMILY AND EVERYONE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HELD THE SAME OPINION ABOUT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN THE HEIGHTS SECTION OF TOWN. THEY WERE RECKLESS AND FREE-SPENDING..."

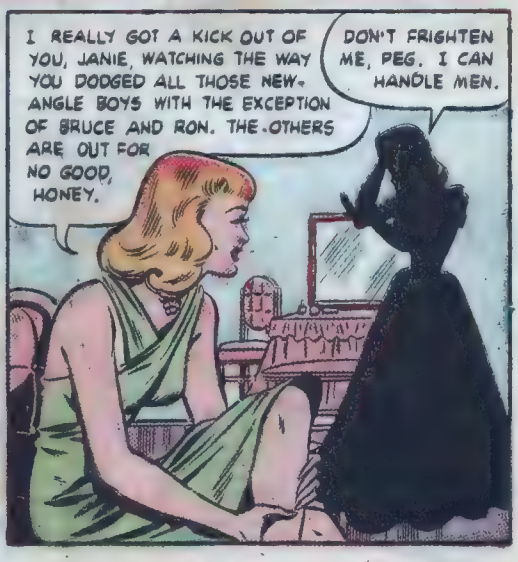
"DAD LET ME HAVE THE CAR THE NEXT EVENING, BUT I WAS A LITTLE LATE IN REACHING RON'S HOUSE. INSIDE, THE PARTY WAS GOING ON IN FULL SWING..."

"BUT I COULDN'T HELP FEELING UNEASY WHEN I SAW RON'S GUESTS. WITH ONLY A FEW EXCEPTIONS, THEY WERE OLDER THAN I AND AMONG THEM WERE QUITE A FEW FELLOWS AND GIRLS WITH BAD REPUTATIONS..."

"BRUCE INTRODUCED ME TO THE CROWD, AND THEN, AFTER I HAD DANCED WITH RON, BRUCE TOOK ME IN TOW..."

"TO MY INEXPERIENCED EYES, THE PARTY SEEMED TO BE GETTING OUT OF CONTROL, SO I BEAT A HASTY RETREAT TO THE POWDER ROOM..."





"I WAS ONLY HALF AWAKE WHEN THE PARTY BROKE UP AROUND FOUR A.M., SO RON CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD AS HE WISHED ME GOODNIGHT..."

JUST ONE MORE KISS? NO? ALL RIGHT, HONEY. I'LL BE AROUND FOR YOU IN A FEW NIGHTS AND WE'LL DO THE TOWN.

YOU'RE WAY AHEAD OF ME, RON. BUT I HAD A SWELL TIME. THANKS SO MUCH. YOU'RE A MARVELOUS HOST!

"WHEN I AWOKE THE NEXT DAY, MY MIND WAS STILL FULL OF EXCITEMENT. I WAS PLEASED AND PROUD OF MY INITIATION INTO THE HEIGHTS CROWD..."

NEXT TIME I WON'T BE SO TIMID. RON SEEMS RATHER NICE, AND I DO HOPE HE GETS IN TOUCH WITH ME FOR A DATE. I COULD HAVE LOTS OF FUN WITH HIM.

"I MUST ADMIT THAT I WAS WORRIED OVER WHAT BUD MIGHT THINK, BUT OBVIOUSLY NO ONE IN OUR SET KNEW ABOUT THE NIGHT BEFORE..."

BUD! YOU FIXED MY BIKE? HOW SWEET OF YOU!

IT WAS NOTHING, HONEY. IF I DON'T SEE YOU BEFORE WEDNESDAY, REMEMBER WE HAVE A DATE.

I'LL HAVE TO GIVE HIM SOME EXCUSE IF RON PHONES ME FOR A DATE THAT NIGHT. RON HAS EVERYTHING BUD HAS -- AND HE'S MORE FUN BESIDES.

"THAT WEDNESDAY NIGHT, I MADE UP AN EXCUSE FOR BUD -- THEN WENT OUT WITH RON. HE CERTAINLY HAD A WAY WITH GIRLS. I WAS SLOWLY BUT STEADILY FALLING FOR HIS CHARM..."

I'M ALL FOR YOU, JANIE, AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I EVER WANTED TO TAKE A GIRL SERIOUSLY. YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES, HONEY!

YOU'RE VERY NICE, TOO, RON. BUT I SUSPECT YOU LIKE ME ONLY BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT FROM THE GIRLS IN YOUR CROWD.

NO, JANIE -- HONEST! I WANT YOU NEAR ME ALWAYS. YOU'RE SO FRESH AND SWEET. YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING I WANT.

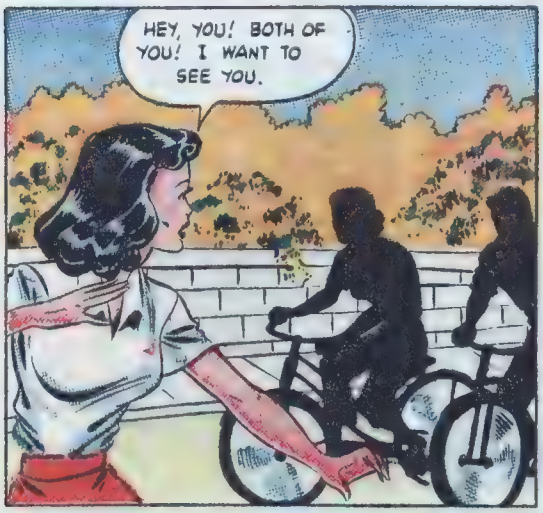
THERE'S LOTS I LIKE ABOUT HIM, TOO...

"RON AND I HAD GOTTEN TO KNOW EACH OTHER QUITE WELL. THEN ONE DAY LUCY, FROM NEXT DOOR, PULLED A SURPRISE..."

NOW THAT YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND WITH THE HEIGHTS CROWD, YOU DON'T NEED YOUR BIKE. HOW ABOUT LETTING ME BORROW IT?

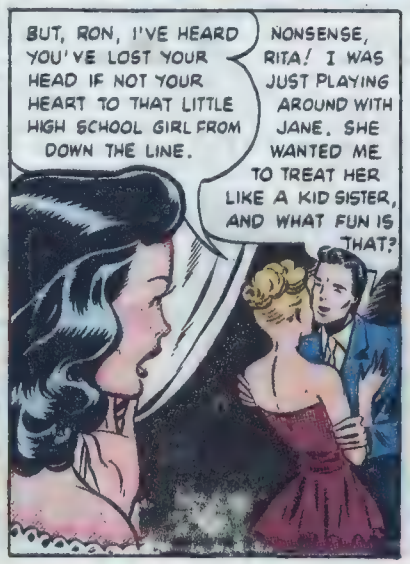
GO AHEAD, ANY TIME. BUT DON'T THINK THAT BECAUSE BUD SEEMS TO HAVE WALKED OUT ON ME THAT I'M FORMING ANY PERMANENT ATTACHMENT WITHIN THE SCANDAL SET. I'M ON MY OWN, LUCY!

"LUCY HADN'T SAID SHE WAS GOING RIDING WITH BUD, SO WHEN I SAW THEM TOGETHER, I DECIDED IT WAS BEST TO SPEAK UP AND SET THEM STRAIGHT..."



"BUD'S REMARK HAD MADE ME BURN UP FOR THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON. I WAS STILL PEEVED AT HIM EVEN AS I STARTED TO DRESS FOR THE PARTY BRUCE WAS THROWING ON THE EVE OF THE STATE-TECH GAME..."

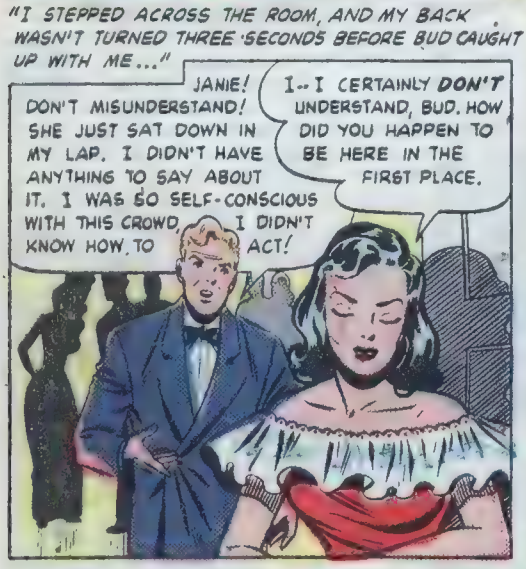
"BUT A GIRL I HAD NEVER MET BEFORE WAS TAKING ALL OF RON'S ATTENTION SO I COULDN'T DRAW HIM ASIDE RIGHT AWAY TO TELL HIM THAT NOTHING STOOD BETWEEN US..."

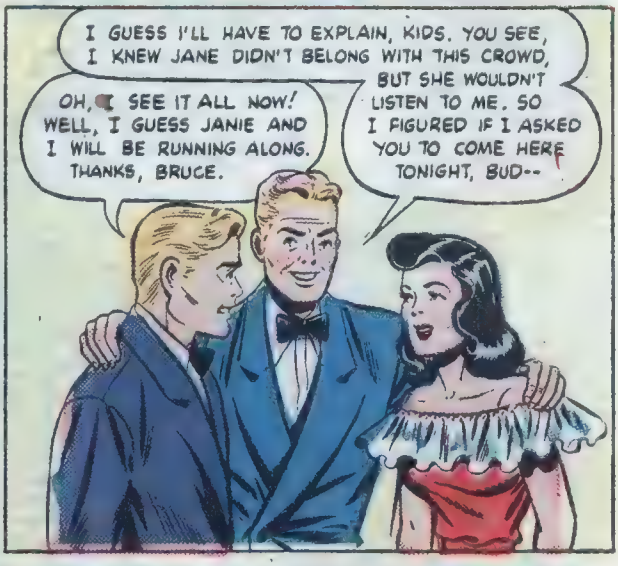


"SUDDENLY I REALIZED I HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE. I WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE HEIGHTS CROWD NOW THAT RON HAD BRUSHED ME ASIDE, AND IF I TRIED TO GET BACK IN THE GOOD GRACES OF MY OWN SET, LUCY OR SOME OTHER GIRL WOULD PUT ME ON THE SKIDS..."

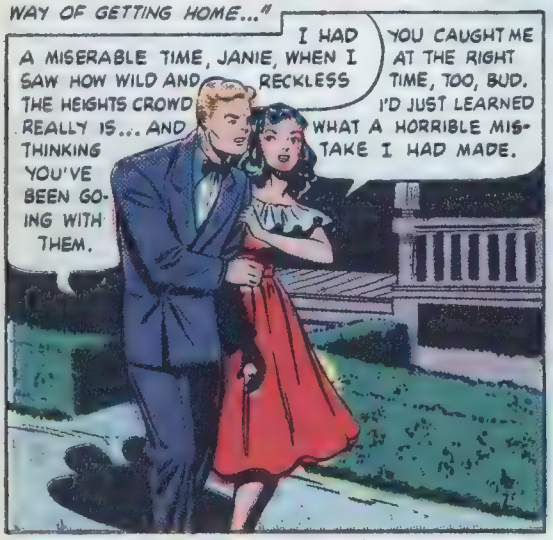
"A HARD LUMP ROSE IN MY THROAT WHEN I LOOKED INTO THE GAME ROOM TO SEE A MUCH-TALKED-OF GIRL SITTING ON BUD'S LAP..."

"I STEPPED ACROSS THE ROOM, AND MY BACK WASN'T TURNED THREE SECONDS BEFORE BUD CAUGHT UP WITH ME..."

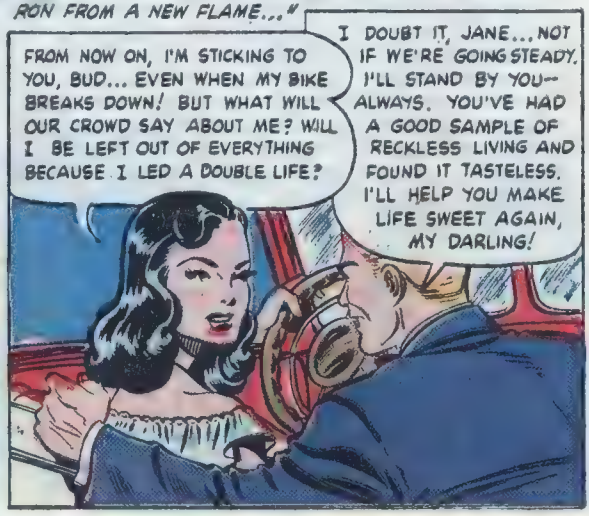




"IT WAS LUCKY I HAD OUR CAR, FOR BRUCE HAD BROUGHT BUD OUT TO THE PARTY AND HE HAD NO WAY OF GETTING HOME..."



"I COULDN'T TELL BUD HOW HAPPY I WAS TO HAVE ESCAPED THE INEVITABLE TROUBLE AND HEARTACHES THAT WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED HAD I FOUGHT TO KEEP RON FROM A NEW FLAME..."



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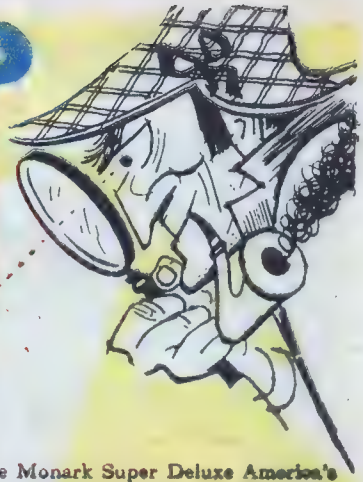

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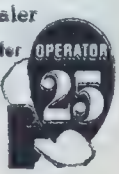

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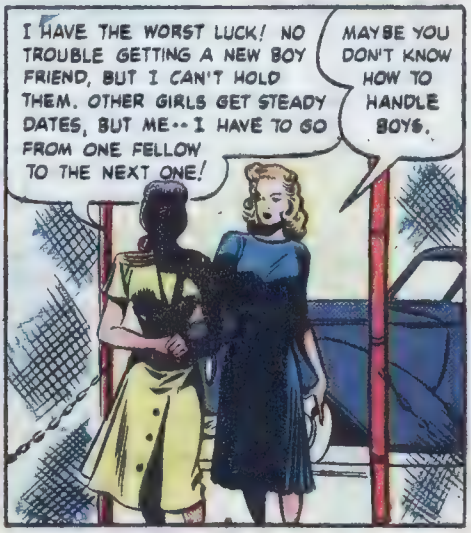
WHAT A NERVE! I'M NOT GOING TO LET HER GET AWAY WITH THAT! JOHNNY IS *MY* DATE, AND SHE'S NOT GOING TO HAVE HIM!!

NO, KATHY! DON'T MAKE A SCENE. YOU'D BE WASTING YOUR TIME ANYWAY, BECAUSE JOHNNY SEEMS JUST AS INTERESTED IN GWEN AS SHE IS IN HIM!

"NEVER BEFORE HAD I ATTEMPTED SUCH A VIOLENT MOVE TO STOP ANY GIRL WHO HAD CUT IN ON MY CURRENT HEARTTHROB. BUT I HAD LOST SO MANY DATES, I WAS GETTING DESPERATE..."



"ANN'S LAST REMARK HURT MY PRIDE. IF I HADN'T BEEN SECRETLY THINKING THAT SHE WAS RIGHT, I WOULDN'T HAVE FLARED UP SO..."

I CERTAINLY DO KNOW HOW TO TREAT A DATE! I'VE BEEN GOING OUT WITH FELLOWS FOR TWO YEARS--SINCE I WAS SIXTEEN.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET MAD AT ME, KATHY. I'M NOT TO BLAME!

"JUST AS I BEGAN TO FEEL THAT THE WORLD HAD TURNED AGAINST ME, TOM BLACKBURN CAME OUT OF THE PARK GATE ALONE AND TURNED TOWARD ME WITH A SMILE..."

OH, HELLO, TOM.

HEY, KATHY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE ALL BY YOURSELF? IF YOU'RE NOT WAITING FOR ONE OF THE FELLOWS, GET IN STEP WITH ME. I'M WALKING HOME.

HOW LONG AGO DID I FIRST MEET YOU? I DON'T COME OUT HERE TO THE WEST SIDE VERY OFTEN.

JUST AFTER EASTER AT THE DANCE IN RIVERDALE. DICK COLLINS INTODUCED US... BUT RIGHT AFTER THAT, DICK AND I BROKE UP. I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU MORE OFTEN, TOM.

SURE, KATHY... THAT IS, IF YOU AREN'T TIED DOWN TO A REGULAR DATE. MY JALOPPY'S BEING FIXED, BUT IT'LL BE READY TONIGHT AND IF YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING...

IT'S A DATE, TOM. I LIVE AT 22 CEDAR AVENUE. MAKE IT AROUND QUARTER TO EIGHT.

"MY HEART WAS JUMPING WITH JOY, BECAUSE TOM WAS REALLY NICER THAN ANY FELLOW I HAD EVER BEEN OUT WITH. UNLESS HE WAS GIVING ME A FAST LINE, HIS INTEREST IN ME SEEMED VERY SINCERE..."

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU, TOM!

THAT'S SWELL, KATHY. SEE YOU LATER!

"I WAS DETERMINED NOT TO LOSE TOM LIKE I HAD LOST MY PREVIOUS DATES. ANN'S REMARKS HAD STRENGTHENED MY BELIEF THAT I HADN'T HANDLED FELLOWS THE RIGHT WAY, SO I DIDN'T WAIT FOR TOM TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE..."

"ON THE WAY HOME, I PERSUADED HIM TO DRIVE OUT ON ROUTE NINE AND WATCH THE FULL MOON RISE OVER THE MOUNTAIN RANGE. BUT THAT WAS ONLY AN EXCUSE FOR FINDING A NICE QUIET SPOT TO PARK..."

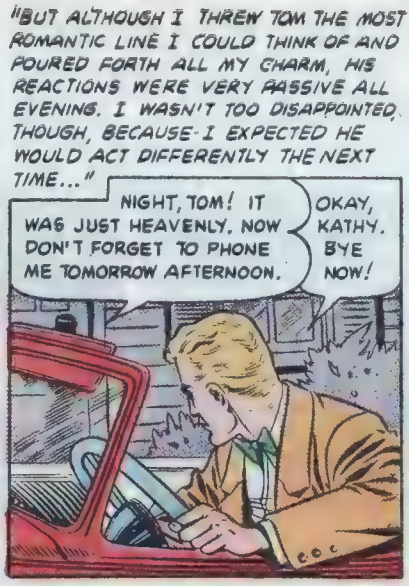
YOU DO THINGS TO ME, TOM! I NEVER COULD FORGET HOW THRILLING IT WAS TO BE IN YOUR ARMS WHEN WE WERE DANCING. ESPECIALLY THE LAST DANCE...

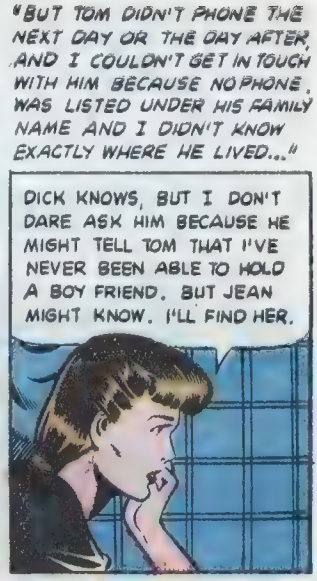
GOSH! WAS I THAT ROMANTIC? I'M SURPRISED AT MYSELF!

OH, IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO BE ALONE WITH YOU, TOM. TIME AND AGAIN I'VE DREAMED OF THIS MOMENT...

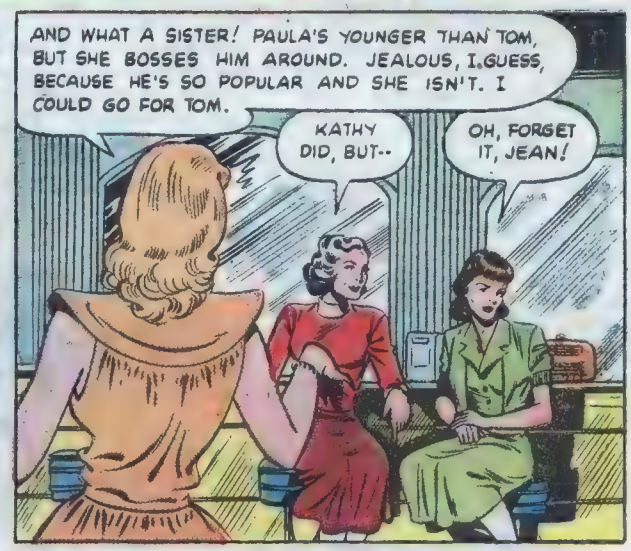
BUT, KATHY! WE DON'T KNOW EACH OTHER VERY WELL.

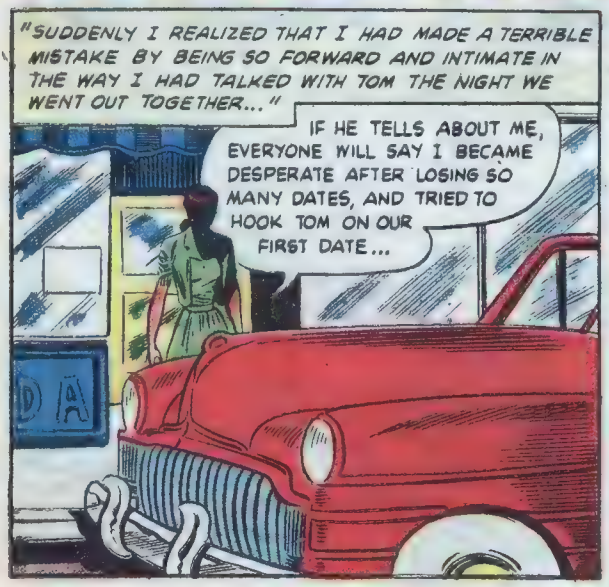
TOM, I KNOW YOU'RE THE ONE BOY FOR ME! YOU HAVE ALL THE FINE QUALITIES I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO FIND IN A SWEETHEART. I'LL BE TERRIBLY PROUD WHEN WE'RE SEEN TOGETHER EVERYWHERE.
WELL, I--YOU-- GUESS I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY, KATHY.


"BUT ALTHOUGH I THREW TOM THE MOST ROMANTIC LINE I COULD THINK OF AND POURED FORTH ALL MY CHARM, HIS REACTIONS WERE VERY PASSIVE ALL EVENING. I WASN'T TOO DISAPPOINTED, THOUGH, BECAUSE I EXPECTED HE WOULD ACT DIFFERENTLY THE NEXT TIME..."
NIGHT, TOM! IT WAS JUST HEAVENLY. NOW DON'T FORGET TO PHONE ME TOMORROW AFTERNOON.
OKAY, KATHY. BYE NOW!


"BUT TOM DIDN'T PHONE THE NEXT DAY OR THE DAY AFTER, AND I COULDN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM BECAUSE NO PHONE WAS LISTED UNDER HIS FAMILY NAME AND I DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE LIVED..."
DICK KNOWS, BUT I DON'T DARE ASK HIM BECAUSE HE MIGHT TELL TOM THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO HOLD A BOY FRIEND. BUT JEAN MIGHT KNOW. I'LL FIND HER.

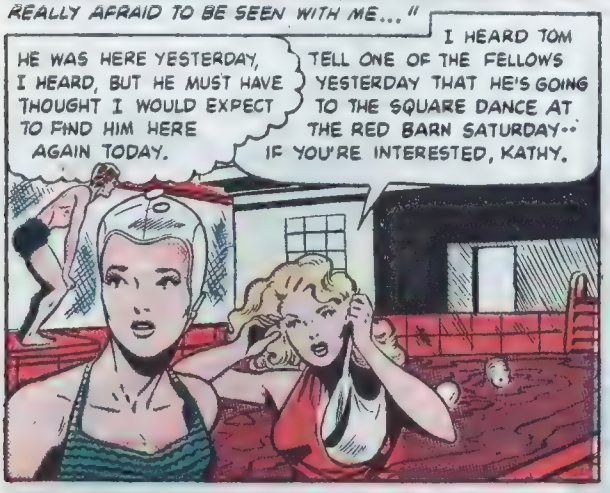
NO, KATHY. ALL I KNOW ABOUT TOM IS THAT HIS FAMILY IS MOVING OVER HERE TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BEFORE FALL, AND THAT HIS SISTER, PAULA, IS AN AWFUL GOSSIP. WE'LL HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR HER!
OH! I DIDN'T KNOW TOM HAD A SISTER.


AND WHAT A SISTER! PAULA'S YOUNGER THAN TOM, BUT SHE BOSSES HIM AROUND. JEALOUS, I GUESS, BECAUSE HE'S SO POPULAR AND SHE ISN'T. I COULD GO FOR TOM.
KATHY DID, BUT--
OH, FORGET IT, JEAN!


"SUDDENLY I REALIZED THAT I HAD MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE BY BEING SO FORWARD AND INTIMATE IN THE WAY I HAD TALKED WITH TOM THE NIGHT WE WENT OUT TOGETHER..."
IF HE TELLS ABOUT ME, EVERYONE WILL SAY I BECAME DESPERATE AFTER LOSING SO MANY DATES, AND TRIED TO HOOK TOM ON OUR FIRST DATE...

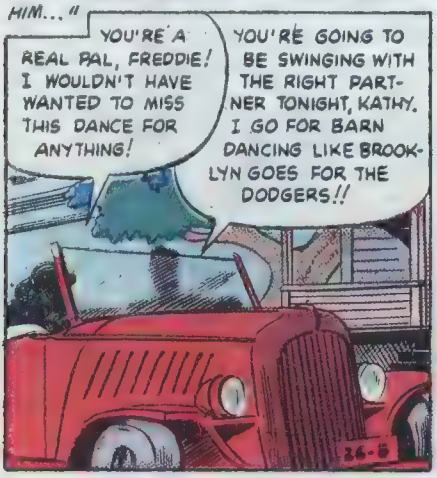
"MY FEARS INCREASED THE MORE I THOUGHT ABOUT IT. IF TOM HAD TOLD HIS SISTER, SHE WOULD RUIN MY REPUTATION AS SOON AS THEIR FAMILY MOVED TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD..."
I'VE GOT TO FIND TOM SOMEHOW-- AND TELL HIM THAT I DIDN'T MEAN TO BE SO AGGRESSIVE. HE MUST THINK I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT, AND THAT'S WHY I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO HOLD A MAN.

"AS THE DAYS WENT BY, I DEVOTED ALL MY TIME AND EFFORTS TO FINDING TOM, BUT HE NEVER CAME WITHIN SHOUTING DISTANCE OF ME. I BEGAN TO SUSPECT HE WAS REALLY AFRAID TO BE SEEN WITH ME..."



"I DIDN'T LET ON TO ANN THAT SHE'D GUESSED RIGHT, BUT WHEN I SAW FRED WEAVER OUTSIDE THE PARK GATE, I GOT A BRIGHT IDEA..."

"SO I TAGGED FRED TO TAKE ME TO THE SQUARE DANCE THAT SATURDAY NIGHT. HE WAS AS EAGER AS TEN BEAVERS, BUT I ONLY PRETENDED I WAS INTERESTED IN HIM..."



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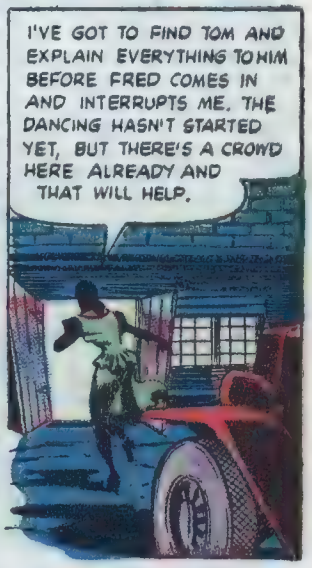
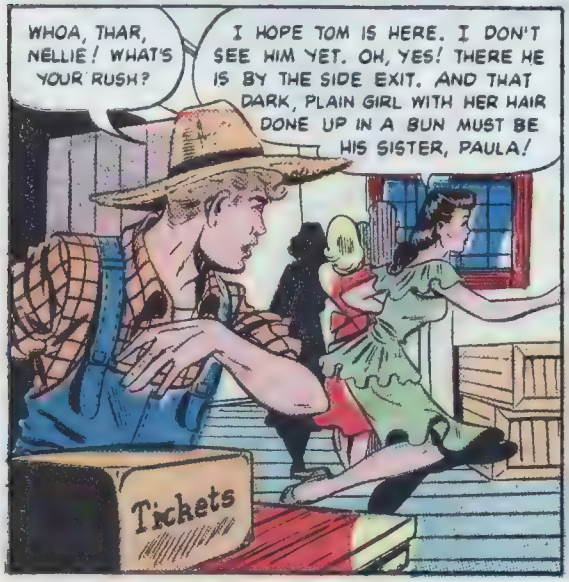
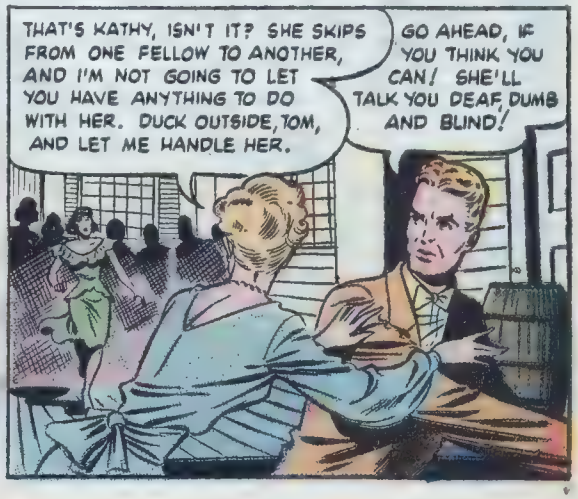
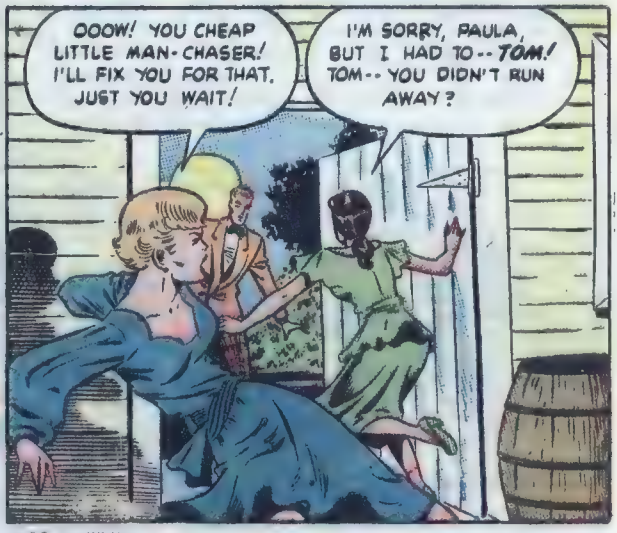




"I KNEW HIS SISTER WOULD GIVE ME TROUBLE. APPARENTLY I HAD BEEN POINTED OUT TO HER AT SOME TIME, FOR IT LOOKED AS THOUGH SHE KNEW WHO I WAS. BUT I HAD TO SEE TOM, AND NO ONE COULD STOP ME..."

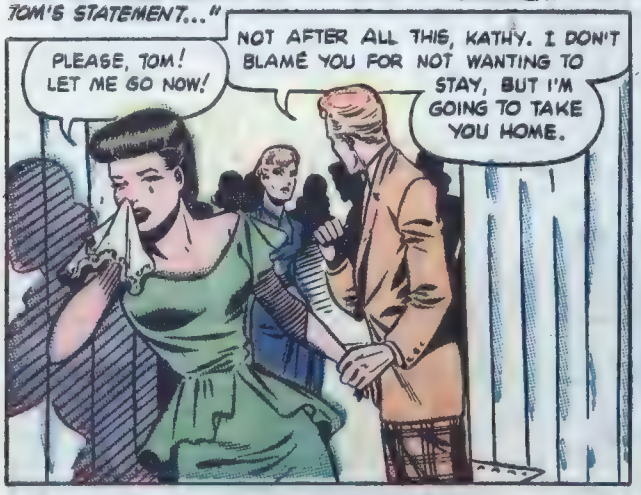


"OUR ARGUMENT HAD DRAWN A CROWD, AND AS PAULA BLOCKED MY ESCAPE I TURNED TO SHRIVEL IN EMBARRASSMENT.... EVERYONE, INCLUDING FRED, WAS STARING AT ME..."

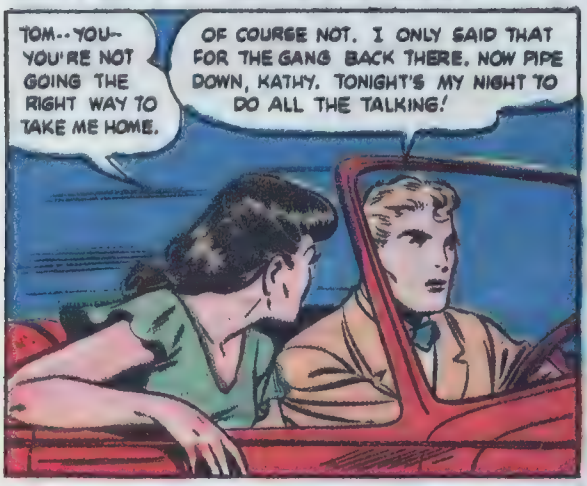


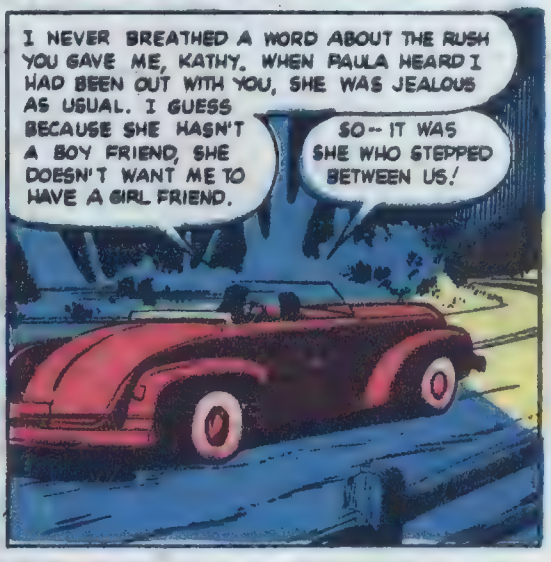
"I WAS IN A DAZE THEN, HARDLY KNOWING WHAT WAS HAPPENING. SOMEHOW I THOUGHT THAT TOM WAS ONLY TRYING TO SAVE HIS OWN FACE BY DENYING ANY MISCONDUCT ON MY PART..."

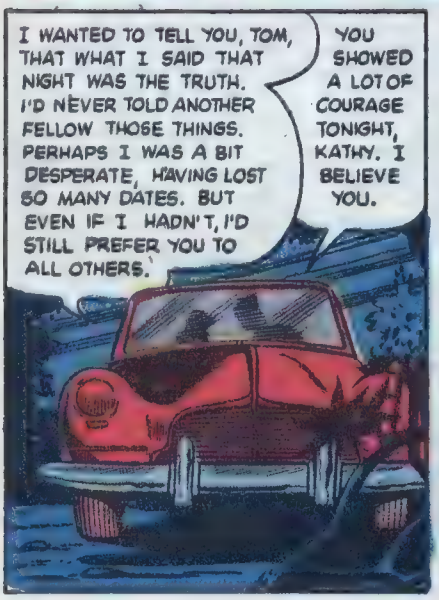
"THE TRUTH HAD EXPLODED LIKE A BOMBSHELL. I HAD NEVER GUESSED WHAT HAD BEEN MY FAULT, BUT NOW I KNEW IT WAS TRUE AS VOICES BEHIND ME MUTTERED IN AGREEMENT WITH TOM'S STATEMENT..."



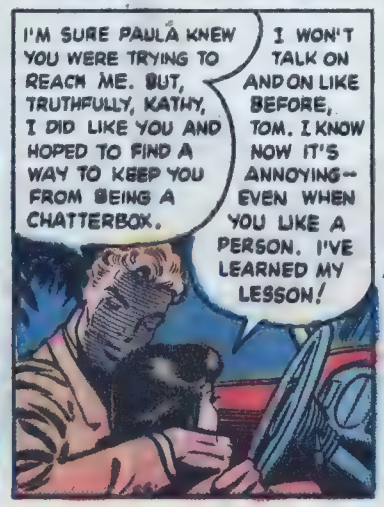
"MEEKLY I FOLLOWED TOM TO HIS CAR. REMEMBERING WHAT HE HAD SAID ABOUT ME, I HELD MY TONGUE UNTIL I SAW WHICH WAY HE WAS DRIVING..."

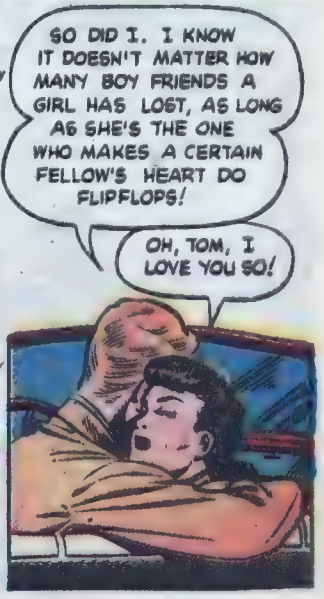






"THEN THE STARTLING FACTS CAME OUT! TOM DID CARE FOR ME, BUT UNTIL THIS NIGHT, HIS LIFE HAD BEEN DOMINATED BY HIS JEALOUS SISTER..."

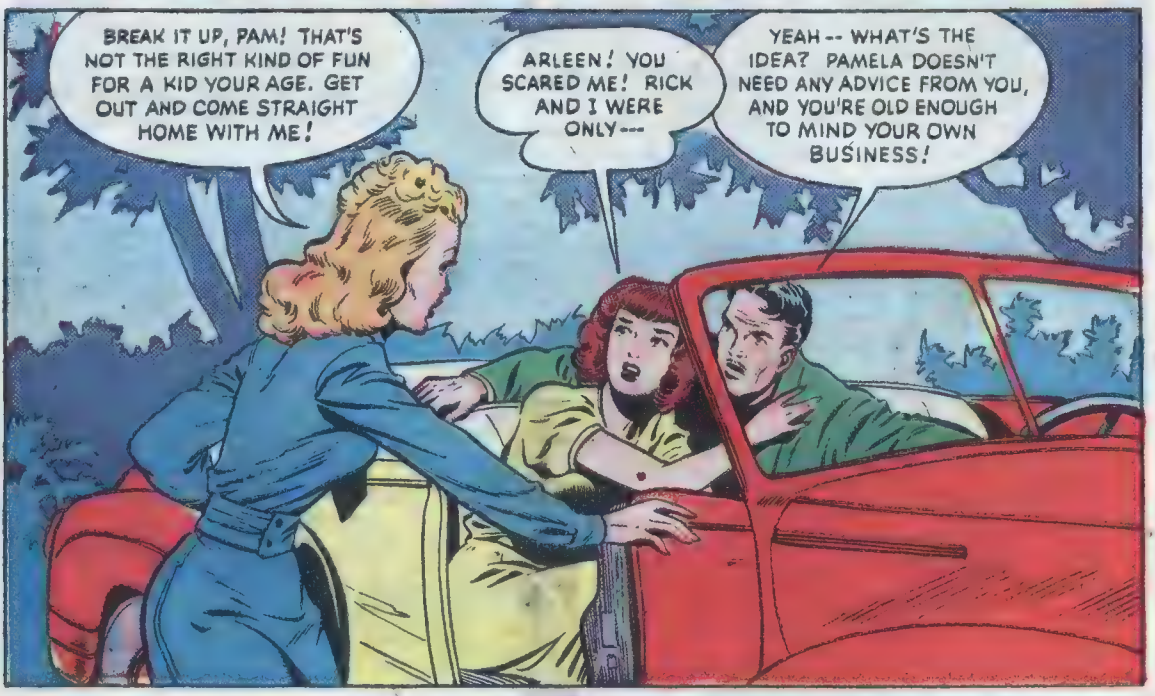


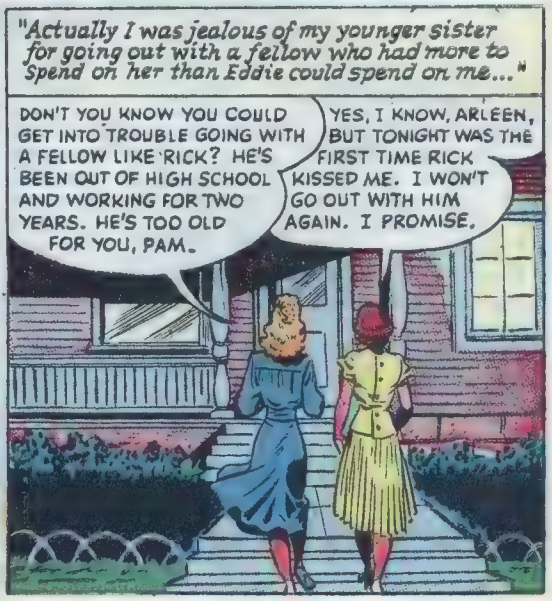


I was fed up with penny-ante dates, and when I saw my chance to get a fellow who had real money to spend, I grabbed it! Of course, he was older than my high school boy friend, and because people look askance at any young girl who runs around with older fellows, I had to keep it a secret. There was always the danger that my parents would find out, and how long could I fool Eddie whom I pretended was my one and only?

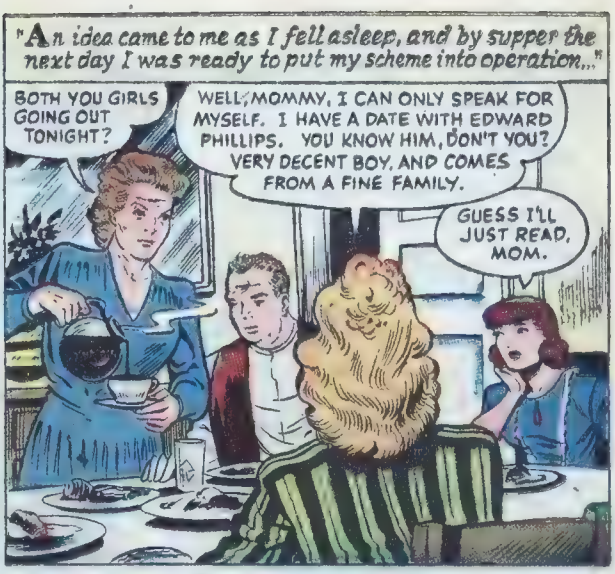
I wasn't aware that I had stirred up jealousy and hatred that would suddenly bring a halt to my thrill-seeking. But before I reached the end of my rope —

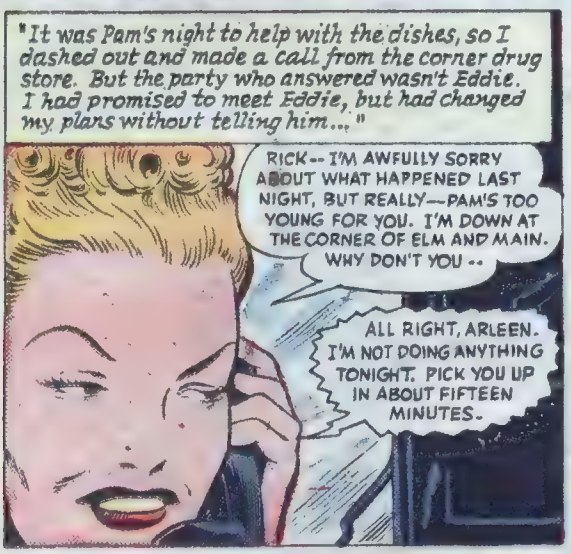
TWO-TIMING *taught me to* LOVE

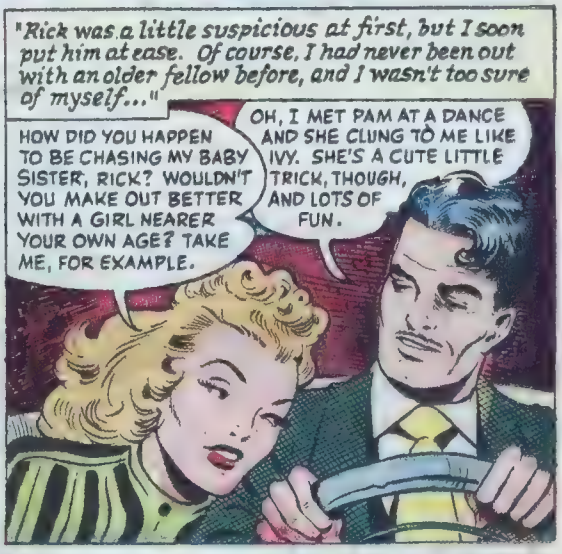




PLEASE DON'T TELL MOMMY AND PA. IF THEY FOUND OUT, THEY WOULDN'T ALLOW ME TO GO ON ANY DATES FOR A LONG TIME.
I WON'T SAY ANYTHING, PAM. YOU KNOW YOU CAN TRUST ME. BUT DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN. I DON'T WANT MY SISTER TO BE TOWN GOSSIP.


"An idea came to me as I fell asleep, and by supper the next day I was ready to put my scheme into operation..."
BOTH YOU GIRLS GOING OUT TONIGHT?
WELL, MOMMY, I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF. I HAVE A DATE WITH EDWARD PHILLIPS. YOU KNOW HIM, DON'T YOU? VERY DECENT BOY, AND COMES FROM A FINE FAMILY.
GUESS I'LL JUST READ, MOM.


"It was Pam's night to help with the dishes, so I dashed out and made a call from the corner drug store. But the party who answered wasn't Eddie. I had promised to meet Eddie, but had changed my plans without telling him..."
RICK-- I'M AWFULLY SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT, BUT REALLY--PAM'S TOO YOUNG FOR YOU. I'M DOWN AT THE CORNER OF ELM AND MAIN. WHY DON'T YOU --
ALL RIGHT, ARLEEN. I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING TONIGHT. PICK YOU UP IN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES.


"Rick was a little suspicious at first, but I soon put him at ease. Of course, I had never been out with an older fellow before, and I wasn't too sure of myself..."
HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO BE CHASING MY BABY SISTER, RICK? WOULDN'T YOU MAKE OUT BETTER WITH A GIRL NEARER YOUR OWN AGE? TAKE ME, FOR EXAMPLE.
OH, I MET PAM AT A DANCE AND SHE CLUNG TO ME LIKE IVY. SHE'S A CUTE LITTLE TRICK, THOUGH, AND LOTS OF FUN.

I NEVER COULD TAKE PAM OUT HERE. STATE LAW, YOU KNOW. GIRLS UNDER EIGHTEEN AREN'T ALLOWED WHERE BEER IS SERVED.
NO ONE WILL SUSPECT I'M NOT YET EIGHTEEN-- IF RICK DIDN'T!
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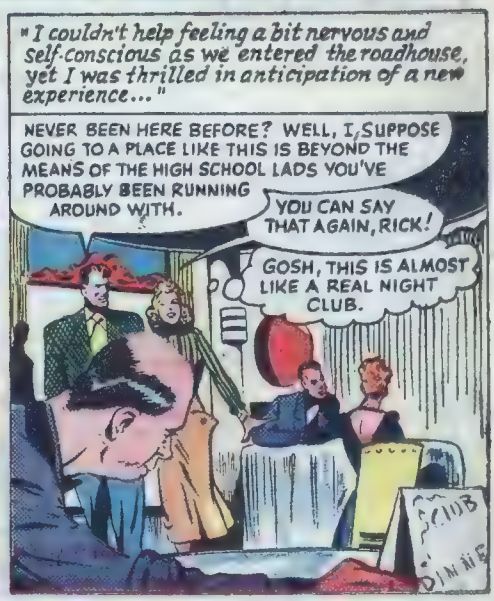

"I couldn't help feeling a bit nervous and self-conscious as we entered the roadhouse, yet I was thrilled in anticipation of a new experience..."
NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE? WELL, I SUPPOSE GOING TO A PLACE LIKE THIS IS BEYOND THE MEANS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL LADS YOU'VE PROBABLY BEEN RUNNING AROUND WITH.
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, RICK!
GOSH, THIS IS ALMOST LIKE A REAL NIGHT CLUB.

"It was like a different world from the one I had lived in with Eddie and other boys about my same age. With Rick I could go dancing any night in the week. He had a job and real money to spend on a girl..."

TIRED? OF COURSE NOT! AREN'T WE GOING TO STAY TILL CLOSING?

SURE, ARLEEN. LET'S HAVE A COUPLE OF CHARCOAL GRILLED STEAKS.

HE DIDN'T EVEN BLINK AT THE CHECK! I WISH I'D MET RICK OR ANOTHER OLDER FELLOW BEFORE!

EIGHT-FORTY IS RIGHT. KEEP THE CHANGE, PAL.

THANK YOU, SIR.

LET'S TAKE THE LONG WAY HOME, HONEY, IF YOU'RE IN NO RUSH.

ALL RIGHT, RICK. YOUR COMPANY SUITS ME TO A T AS IN TERRIFIC.

"Without going into Details, I'll Say that the drive home with Rick turned out to be what I'd expected from a fellow his age. When we arrived, I asked him to let me out several houses down the street..."

GOOD NIGHT, ARLEEN! I'LL BE SEEING YOU!

FINE, RICK. BUT YOU'D BETTER LET ME CALL YOU. 'NIGHT, NOW!

"I tried to slip up to my room without being seen, but luck was against me..."

WHY, ARLEEN! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME? I THOUGHT YOU WERE OUT WITH EDWARD, SO I PHONED HIS MOTHER, BUT SHE SAID--

OH, MOTHER -- ER, EDDIE DIDN'T SHOW UP, SO I WENT OUT WITH MARTHA AND HER BOY FRIEND, KIP. AND KIP'S CAR BROKE DOWN.

I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN, MOMMY -- EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T MY FAULT. I REALLY SHOULD HAVE PHONED YOU NOT TO WORRY.

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE KIDDING, ARLEEN? NOT ME!

YOU -- YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! I DIDN'T TELL MOMMY ABOUT WHO YOU WERE OUT WITH!

"The next night I was on pins and needles when Eddie came around. I was afraid he would blurt out something I didn't want to hear..."

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I MISSED YOU LAST NIGHT. IT'S QUITE EARLY NOW, BUT LET'S RUN ALONG DOWNTOWN ANYWAY. WHAT DO YOU SAY, EDDIE?

ER, WELL, OKAY, ARLEEN. THERE'S A GOOD PICTURE AT THE STRAND.

NOW KEEP OUT OF MISCHIEF, PAM, AND DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME.

AS IF I'D WASTE MY TIME!

EDDIE OUGHT TO WISE UP. SHE ISN'T AS KEEN ABOUT HIM AS SHE PRETENDS!

"When I saw that I didn't care for the picture, I couldn't resist the temptation to give Eddie the slip. Eddie was much too tame compared to Rick..."

OOPS! PARDON ME, EDDIE. I'M GOING OUT TO THE COKE MACHINE IN THE LOBBY. I'M PERISHING OF THIRST. BE RIGHT BACK.

BUT THIS IS THE MOST EXCITING PART OF THE PICTURE! OH, WELL, GO AHEAD, HONEY.

"Dashing out, who should I run into but Jack Hartwell, who I knew was one of Rick's friends... He had never noticed me before, but now he looked interested!"

OH, HELLO!

HI, THERE, ARLEEN! SAY, RICK'S BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER TOWN FOR YOU TONIGHT.

HE DIDN'T PHONE OR STOP BY YOUR HOUSE FOR FEAR OF A RUN-IN WITH YOUR KID SISTER. BET SHE'S MAD AT YOU, HUH? BUT, SAY-- HOW ABOUT COMING ALONG WITH ME?

WHY NOT? ANY FRIEND OF RICK'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE, JACK!

"The night I skipped out on Eddie was the real turning point. From then on the older fellows must have passed the word around that I was a good date..."

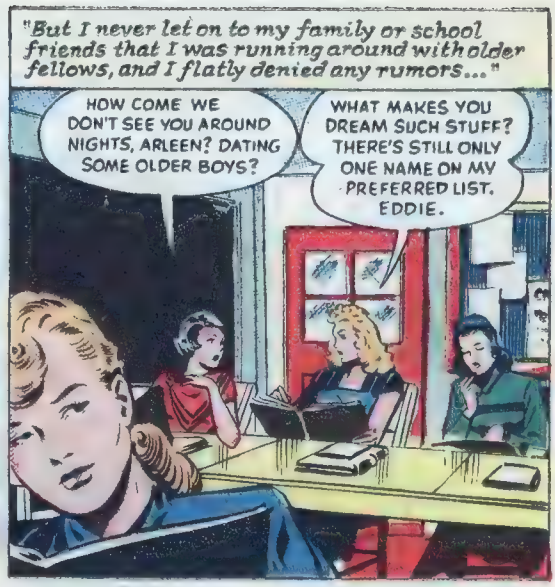
YOU MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A KID AGAIN, ARLEEN!

DON'T BE SILLY, FRANK! YOUR BOSS WOULDN'T HAVE JUST MADE YOU ASSISTANT MANAGER OF THE STORE IF YOU ACTED LIKE A CHILD.

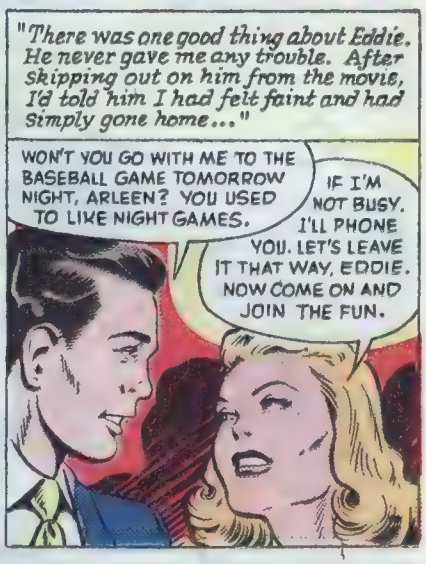
I HEAR YOU'VE DATED ARLEEN FOR TOMORROW NIGHT, FRANK. JUST TO GET EVEN, I'LL TAKE THIS DANCE WITH HER.

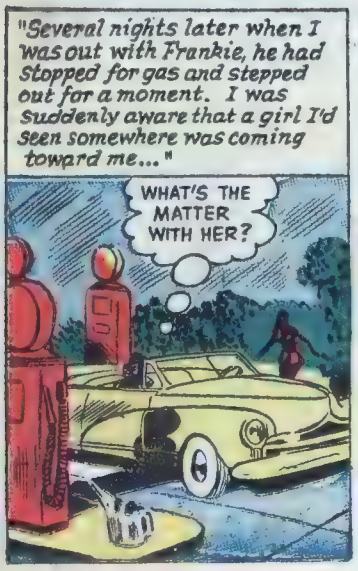
THE LADY SAYS YES, FRANK, SO I'LL SEE YOU LATER! ..WHAT'S DOING, RICK? SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

WHY, YES, HONEY, THOSE GIRLS GIVE ME A PAIN. THEY'RE BEEFING ABOUT YOU. IT SEEMS YOU'VE BEEN OUT WITH SOME OF THEIR REGULAR DATES.
LET THEM WORRY ABOUT THEIR DATES! IT'S A FREE COUNTRY, AND I'LL DATE WHOM I LIKE!


"But I never let on to my family or school friends that I was running around with older fellows, and I flatly denied any rumors..."
HOW COME WE DON'T SEE YOU AROUND NIGHTS, ARLEEN? DATING SOME OLDER BOYS?
WHAT MAKES YOU DREAM SUCH STUFF? THERE'S STILL ONLY ONE NAME ON MY PREFERRED LIST. EDDIE.

"To keep up appearances and quiet any suspicion, I kept Eddie on a string so I could go with him to every important affair of the high school set..."
♪♫ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SANDY-- HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! ♪♫


"There was one good thing about Eddie. He never gave me any trouble. After skipping out on him from the movie, I'd told him I had felt faint and had simply gone home..."
WON'T YOU GO WITH ME TO THE BASEBALL GAME TOMORROW NIGHT, ARLEEN? YOU USED TO LIKE NIGHT GAMES.
IF I'M NOT BUSY. I'LL PHONE YOU. LET'S LEAVE IT THAT WAY, EDDIE. NOW COME ON AND JOIN THE FUN.


"Several nights later when I was out with Frankie, he had stopped for gas and stepped out for a moment. I was suddenly aware that a girl I'd seen somewhere was coming toward me..."
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HER?

COME DOWN TO THE CORNER WITH ME. IT'S SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT. FRANK WILL WAIT FOR YOU.
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?

WE'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU, AND YOU'D BETTER LISTEN!
AND DON'T GIVE US A HARD TIME, OR YOU'LL GET IT BACK WITH COMPOUND INTEREST!
WHY--WHAT DID I DO?

"For several moments I was completely dumfounded, hardly understanding what it was all about. I was frightened, too, for the girls were several years older than I..."

YOU TELL HER, JUDY!

PRETTY SMART FOR YOUR AGE, AREN'T YOU, ARLEEN! DRAWING ALL THE PLAY FROM OUR FELLOWS WITH YOUR CUTE TRICKS. WHY DON'T YOU STICK WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL GANG WHERE YOU BELONG?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

WE'RE ON TO YOU! YOU JUST GIVE THE FELLOWS A GOOD LINE BECAUSE THEY'RE WORKING AND HAVE MORE MONEY TO SPEND THAN THE BOYS YOUR OWN AGE. YOU-- YOU CHISELER!

THAT'S A LAUGH! YOU'RE ALL JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU CAN'T HOLD ON TO YOUR DATES!

"But Frankie must have heard what they said about me, and as I tried to run out he was standing there with a cold, hard face..."

SO THAT'S WHY YOU STARTED RUNNING AROUND WITH OLDER BOYS, ARLEEN! WHAT A JERK I'VE BEEN TO SPEND MY HARD EARNED CASH ON A LITTLE GOLD DIGGER!

FRANKIE! YOU-- YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THEM! PLEASE!

"Frankie wouldn't listen to me, and with the girls' shrill voices ringing in my ears I turned and hurriedly walked away..."

IF THEIR ACCUSATIONS WEREN'T THE TRUTH, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIGHT BACK. BUT-- NOW THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!

GOSH, I'VE ONLY ONE NICKEL. NOT ENOUGH TO TAKE A BUS HOME, AND I CAN'T WALK THREE MILES IN THESE SHOES. NOW WHO COULD I PHONE AND GIVE AN EXCUSE FOR BEING STRANDED?

"After what had happened, I didn't want to try reaching Jack or Rick. They were probably out anyway, and with just one nickel I couldn't take a chance..."

EDDIE! HE'S SURE TO BE HOME, STUDYING FOR THE EXAMS TOMORROW. HE CAN COME OVER FOR ME IN HIS FATHER'S CAR.

WHY, SURE, ARLEEN. ON THE CORNER OF HIGH AND COURT STREETS? I'LL COME RIGHT OVER, BUT-- BUT HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO GET STRANDED?

OH, THE STORES ARE OPEN TONIGHT, SO I CAME OVER TO DO SOME SHOPPING, BUT I FORGOT MY COIN PURSE.

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"Eddie showed up in twenty minutes, but I knew I would have to think fast to make more excuses. I tried hard not to let him see that my nerves were on edge..."

YOU MUST HAVE GOT LOST! THE STORES HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR NEARLY AN HOUR. KEEPING SECRETS FROM ME AGAIN?

NO--HONEST, EDDIE. THE REAL REASON I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO FOND OF YOU IS THAT YOU'VE NEVER DOUBTED MY WORD. PLEASE DON'T CHANGE NOW.

"Suddenly I saw the real truth in what I had said to smother Eddie's curiosity. In spite of the run-around I'd been giving him, Eddie had never questioned my alibis..."

MAYBE HE'S NOT SO DUMB. MAYBE HE'S KNOWN THE TRUTH ABOUT ME ALL ALONG--AND IT'S I WHO HAVE BEEN THE DOPE!

IT'S STILL EARLY, ARLEEN. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO STRAIGHT HOME, SO LET'S RUN UP BY THE RIVER BLUFFS AND TALK AWHILE.

YOU'VE BEEN HAVING QUITE A TIME WITH THE OLDER FELLOWS, HAVEN'T YOU, HONEY? BUT YOU DON'T REALLY SEE ANYTHING IN ANY OF THEM, DO YOU? IT'S ONLY THAT THEY'RE WORKING AND HAVE MONEY TO SPEND.

EDDIE! HOW DID--WHO TOLD YOU THAT?

PAM, OF COURSE. SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T CARE IF YOU KNEW SHE'D TOLD ME, BUT I STILL COULDN'T BELIEVE YOU WERE TWO-TIMING.

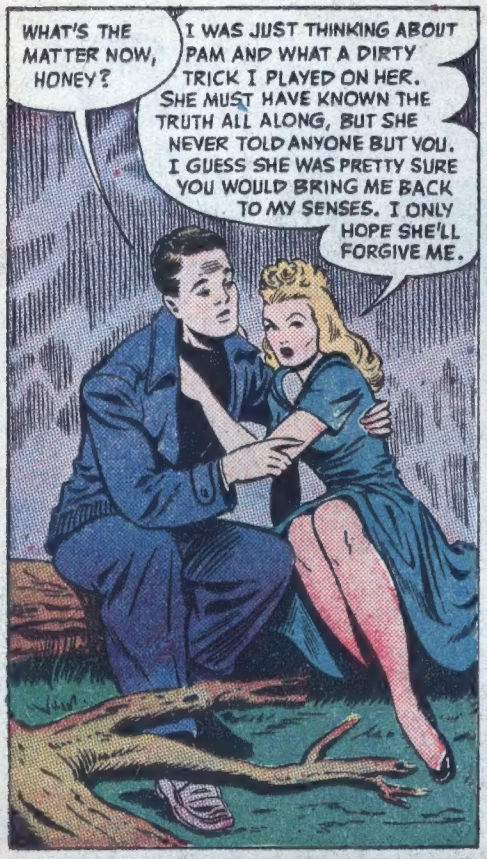
OH, **SHE** TOLD YOU. EDDIE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. I--I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT I MADE A BAD MISTAKE.

"My ideas about several things were rapidly changing. I suddenly understood Eddie differently from ever before. And I wasn't angry at Pam for breaking my trust..."

BUT I'M SO GLAD IT'S ALL OVER NOW, EDDIE. PLEASE--PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

SURE! IT'S EASY TO FORGIVE SOMEONE YOU CARE FOR. NOW JUST GIVE ONE LITTLE KISS AND I'LL FORGET ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE.

"My heart began beating faster and faster as I kissed Eddie, for I saw him now as I never had before. Eddie was patient, loyal and forgiving. He really cared for me..."



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